

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump ~~(10) for pumping products of liquid to pasty consistency, which comprises~~ , comprising a drive system ~~(12)~~ that is operatively connected, via a driving shaft ~~(16)~~, to a rotor ~~(36)~~, with a first stator ~~(38)~~ and at least one further spare stator ~~being provided,~~ wherein

~~characterized in~~

~~that~~ said first stator ~~(38)~~ and said at least one further spare stator are joined to each other, without a space therebetween, ~~in such a way that~~ said first stator presents an operating region ~~(42)~~ and a spare region ~~(44)~~, with said first stator being reversed or displaced for switching said operating and spare regions.

2. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump according to Claim 1, wherein

~~characterized in~~

~~that one~~ said first stator and at least one further spare stator ~~are composed so as to form~~ comprise a stator ~~(38)~~ in a stator envelope.

3. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump according to Claim 2, wherein

~~characterized in~~

~~that the~~ a change of ~~the~~ engagement of said rotor from ~~the~~ a used part of the stator to the stator part reserved as a substitute is carried out by ~~reversing~~

~~moving the stator (38) in its entirety~~ through 180° relative to its a longitudinal axis thereof.

4. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump according to Claim 1, wherein

~~characterized in~~

~~that~~ said rotor is connected, via a flexible shaft (22) , to said drive system (12), which flexible shaft extends permanently also beyond the a free stator half ~~next to adjacent~~ said drive system.

5. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump according to Claim 1, wherein

~~characterized in~~

~~that~~ said stator (38) comprises an intermediate tube (40) ~~that may be arranged~~ arrangeable on both on the a suction-side end and the a delivery-side end of said stator (38).

6. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump according to the Claim 5, wherein

~~characterized in~~

~~that~~ said flexible shaft (22) ~~extends~~ is sized to extend to said stator through said intermediate tube (20) ~~up to~~ arranged at the delivery-side end of said stator (38).

7. (Currently amended) Eccentric screw-type pump according to Claim 1, wherein  
~~characterized in~~  
~~that~~ said stator (38) is ~~connected~~ connectable to ~~said a~~ pump casing (26)  
and ~~said~~ terminating tubulure (34) via ~~said a~~ quick-action clamping device (32).